

Ride Safety Standards

Since 1975, the NJAA has worked with DCA to provide safe rides and attractions within the state. Rides and attractions at state amusement parks, fairs and carnivals that receive permits to operate have passed a state inspection and have been found to meet stringent state safety standards. Rides and attractions are maintained and inspected daily by ride owners and operators.



State Law

State Law requires that each rider obey all written warnings and direction regarding the rides and refrain from behaving in a reckless manner, which may cause or contribute to injuries to the rider or others. Failure to comply is a violation of law and subject to penalty.

State Law states that a rider should not board or attempt to board any amusement ride if he /she is under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any substance which affects the riders' ability to use ride safely and to abide by the posted instructions.

The NJAA is an organization for those involved in the state's amusement industry. The members are dedicated to presenting clean safe, entertaining amusement rides, shows, food, games and concessions that best serve the public and promote New Jersey's amusement industry, carnivals, festivals, agricultural fairs and other outdoor events.

Partners in Safety

This brochure was produced by the NJAA in coordination with the Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Board and DCA.



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Ready to Ride: A Guide to Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety



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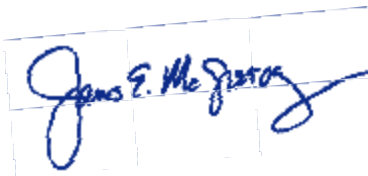
Greetings from Governor James E. McGreevey

There is nothing like the feeling of a fun, fast-moving amusement ride at a New Jersey park or carnival. But with that fun comes an important responsibility to safety. With its Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has partnered with the New Jersey Amusement Association (NJAA) in our commitment to making New Jersey a safe place to enjoy amusement rides.

New Jersey is proud to be first in the nation to regulate amusement ride safety with standards for restraint mechanisms, metal fatigue and the gravitational pull (G-force) of rides. With rides getting higher and faster, we are making sure that all rides manufactured and brought into New Jersey meet all safety standards and guidelines. Through the DCA's Division of Codes and Standards, New Jersey has adopted tougher standards for all new roller coasters. In our valuable partnership with the NJAA, we work together in the development of programs and regulations directed toward general safety and ride code enforcement.

The guidelines outlined in this brochure are designed to help ensure riders' protection when enjoying amusements. I encourage you to pay attention to this information - following these tips and obeying New Jersey's laws can make an important difference in your safety.

I also encourage you to share this information with your children, family and friends. Safety is our number one priority and everyone's responsibility. We all need to do our part so we can be "Ready to Ride."



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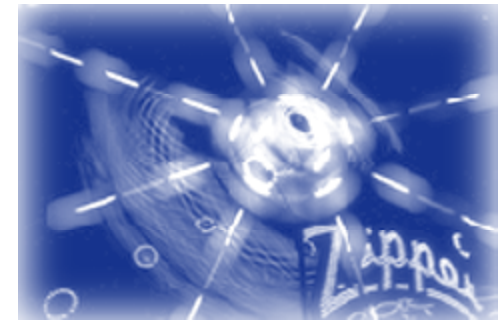
Members of the NJAA and DCA are working hard to ensure that amusement rides are safe and enjoyable. Here are a few safety dos and don'ts:

Do

- **Look for the posted State of New Jersey certificate of operation.** This document ensures rides are inspected and have passed the stringent safety regulations required by the state.
- **Read and obey all written warnings and directions.**
- **Observe age, height and weight physical restrictions.**
- **Keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride at all times.**
- **Follow instructions of ride operators.**
- **Use safety equipment such a seatbelt, shoulder harness, lap bar or chain.**
- **Stay in the ride until it comes to a complete stop and the operator tells you to get out.**

Don't

- **Throw any object from an amusement ride.**
- **Do things that would endanger yourself or others around you on the ride.**
- **Ride anything you are uncomfortable with or that your child is too afraid of.**



Child Safety

Several additional safety precautions should be taken for children, especially small children.

Parents should:

- **Know their child's capabilities and limitations and make an appropriate decision in whether the ride is appropriate for the child.**
- **Watch the ride in operation to make sure your child can ride it safely.**
- **Explain safety precautions to your child, like keeping hands and feet inside the ride at all times, staying seated, holding on to safety bars and obeying the ride operator's instructions.**
- **Designate an easily recognizable place to meet your child after the ride.**
- **Be responsible for just two children, per adult.**

Obviously, safety is the most important component of every family outing. New Jersey's amusement parks, fairs and carnivals are some of the best in the country and are designed to entertain every member of your family. So the next time you visit your favorite amusement park, fair or carnival, just remember to be "Ready to Ride."

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